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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): A composition comprising a ribonucleic acid molecule which enhances the amplification of PrP^{Sc}.

Claim 2 (original): A method for identifying the presence of PrP^{Sc} comprising contacting a sample suspected of containing an infectious prion protein with a ribonucleic acid molecule of claim 1 and identifying the presence of PrP^{Sc}.

Claim 3 (original): A kit for identifying the presence of PrP^{Sc} comprising a ribonucleic acid molecule of claim 1.